

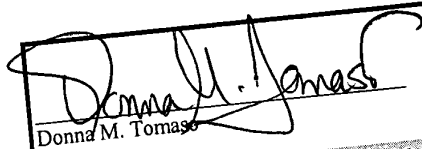
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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Kanichi Nagahara

Title of Invention: WEAR PROTECTION FOR MUSICAL WIND INSTRUMENTS

- ☒ Continuation
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/919,154, filed July 31, 2001

1. ☒ Specification 14 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 15 claims (2 independent)*
*For filing purposes, please cancel Claims 2-15 and thereafter enter the attached Preliminary Amendment.

2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:
☒ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.53(b)

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- ☒ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

3. ☒ Drawings 8 Sheets.

4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Form 1449
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference

6. ☐ Assignment

- ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
☐ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to:

7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

8. ☐ Priority document(s)

9. ☒ Small Entity Statement

- ☒ Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired
☐ is attached
☐ is no longer claimed

10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
☐ Computer Readable Copy
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

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12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$770.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	1	18.00	\$18.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	0.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	290.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$788.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$394.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$394.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$394.00

13. PAYMENT is:

- ☒ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18
- ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

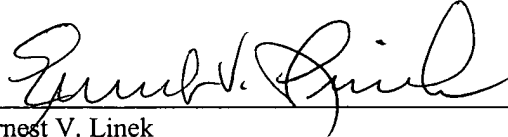
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15. Other: Application Data Sheet - 3 Pages

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
21	-20** = 1	9	9.00
3	-3** = 0	43	0
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
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1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$9.00)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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